



CONFERENCE SPEAKER REQUIREMENTS

NASA PM Challenge 2007: "Knowledge Sharing"

CALL FOR SPEAKERS

NASA invites potential speakers to submit proposals for PM Challenge 2007, the agency's fourth annual project management conference. The theme for 2007 is "Knowledge Sharing." Speaker proposal topics should relate to one of the following tracks:

Spotlight on Systems Engineering

PM Challenge turns the spotlight on Systems Engineering in 2007. From "seeing the big picture" to "covering all of the bases," our speakers share their insights on how this enabling, interdisciplinary process is essential for NASA systems to meet the objectives, challenges, and uncertainties of the agency's science, aeronautics, space operations, and exploration programs.

Mission Success Stories

Mission success is everyone's job. Project team members from safety, mission assurance, facilities, engineering, procurement, and other organizations all make important contributions to successful missions. Hear firsthand about the stories behind their projects' success.

Team Building Blocks

Is your project team ready to go from good to great? Whether you lead a team or belong to one, use these engaging training sessions as building blocks for team development in the areas of leadership, communications, and managing people.

Knowledge Works

These engaging panel discussions feature some of the most experienced project leaders from NASA and industry offering valuable insights on a variety of key topics of interest to today's project managers and teams. Possible panel topics include: working with international partners, dealing with the news media, effective inter-NASA center project management, and establishing project baselines. Put their knowledge to work for you!

Down to Business

Business is booming! These unique training sessions offer a way to stay up-to-date with the latest program and project business management tools, trends, and ideas in areas such as earned value management, procurement, scheduling, cost estimating, and budgeting.

Launch & Learn

Knowledge captured throughout the project life cycle is a critical resource that can be applied to current and future decision making and enhance the likelihood of mission success. The Launch & Learn track features compelling lessons learned from previous projects and provides some thought-provoking insight for today's project managers and their teams.



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Shared Voyages

Shared Voyages features a number of influential project managers who will tell their war stories, describe their biggest challenges, and explain how they responded to them. These insightful dialogues provide a forum for learning through storytelling and interesting question and answer sessions.

Risk Management

Increase the likelihood of project success with the practical insights offered in these informative presentations and demonstrations of risk management tools and techniques. Possible topics include: Continuous Cost-Risk Management, Probabilistic Risk Assessment, the role of risk management in the Constellation Program, Quantitative Risk Analysis, the role of independent peer reviews, and risk-informed decision making.

Back to Basics

Whether you are new to project management, or in need of a refresher in one of its knowledge areas, the Back to Basics track offers an outstanding selection of training on fundamentals such as management of project integration, scope, time, cost, quality, and communications.

Great Ideas

New ideas, creative thinking, best practices, and innovations are no strangers to the field of project management. Explore the techniques, methods, and processes that effectively and consistently help project teams get things done with fewer problems and complications. Find out what your colleagues from NASA, industry, and academia have to offer in these thought-provoking sessions.

Hot Topics

Stay on the leading edge of current developments important to NASA programs and projects. This track may address such topics as: what does it mean to budget projects at the 70% confidence level? how does OMB Circular A-123 affect me? what are the changes in NPR 7120.5? what is the status of "in-house" earned value management at NASA? and what is a "CADRe" and how do I prepare one?

CSI: NASA

Case Study Insights (CSI): NASA brings to PM Challenge 2007 the actual experiences and challenges encountered by several NASA project teams in a hands-on case study format where the audience plays the roles of key project team members. What would you do if you were in their shoes? Find out at CSI: NASA.



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Requirement	Instructions	Deadline	Send Via:
Abstract			
250-word summary of proposed presentation for Conference Website.	On one-page in Arial 10 pt, list your abstract, biography and synopsis (see <i>attached sample</i>) and state your track preference. Please submit in word format.	September 15, 2006	E-mail to all of the following: Niloofar.Naderi.1@gsfc.nasa.gov Dorothy.J.Tiffany@nasa.gov Walter.Majerowicz.1@gsfc.nasa.gov
Synopsis			
50 word synopsis of your presentation for the Conference Program Guide.	On one-page in Arial 10 pt, list your synopsis, abstract and biography (see <i>attached sample</i>) and state your track preference. Please submit in word format.	September 15, 2006	E-mail to all of the following: Niloofar.Naderi.1@gsfc.nasa.gov Dorothy.J.Tiffany@nasa.gov Walter.Majerowicz.1@gsfc.nasa.gov
Biography			
100-word summary of relevant experience for Conference Website.	On one-page in Arial 10 pt, list your biography, abstract and synopsis (see <i>attached sample</i>). Please submit in word format. Please include your title and organization.	September 15, 2006	E-mail to all of the following: Niloofar.Naderi.1@gsfc.nasa.gov Dorothy.J.Tiffany@nasa.gov Walter.Majerowicz.1@gsfc.nasa.gov
Presentation Material			
Time allotted: 55 minutes including time for Q&A	Presentation must be in PowerPoint and be PC-compatible. After the Conference the file will be converted to a secured pdf and posted on the Conference Web Site.	December 18, 2006	E-mail to all of the following: Niloofar.Naderi.1@gsfc.nasa.gov Dorothy.J.Tiffany@nasa.gov Walter.Majerowicz.1@gsfc.nasa.gov
Registration			
You must register to become a speaker.	Speaker Manager will contact you for registration. In recognition for time and effort spent in preparing for the Conference, the speaker registration fee is waived (only one waived per presentation).	Registration will be open Nov 1 – Jan 15	The Speaker Manager will be in contact with you.
Presentation Delivery			
Delivery of prepared Presentation at the conference during a scheduled session.	Specific place and time of your presentation will be coordinated prior to conference by the Speaker Manager.	February 6-7, 2007	The Speaker Manager will be in contact with you.